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1. The Executive Department of the Hauptverwaltung Deutsche Volkspolizei (Main Administration of German Volkspolizei) (HVDVP) has been notified of a resolution taken by the Central Committee of the SED, according to which preparations were to be taken for a complete sealing off of East Berlin from West Berlin. Measures envisaged in the directives of the Central Committee include the elimination of West Berlin in interurban railroad operations, the establishment of a separate street car and subway traffic, and the blocking of all streets and crossings on the zonal boundary except for a few main streets, where VP control stations are to be established.
2. The Executive Department of the HVDVP has worked out corresponding plans, which will go into effect after approval by the Russians in Karlshorst. After 1 August 1952, a total of 10,000 Bereitschaftspolizei is to be kept ready for border control duties along the zonal boundary in Berlin.*

Comment. With regard to traffic problems, a complete isolation of East Berlin from the rest of the city appears feasible only after completion of the northern section of the S-Bahn ring, which was expected around mid-September. The entire rail circuit around Berlin is scheduled to be completed in 1953. However, it is possible that the East German authorities will not postpone their intended measures until then. [REDACTED] about 10,000 Volkspolizei would be required for the sealing off of the zonal boundary in Berlin. [REDACTED] this force will not be ready for employment prior to early October. Since this information is believed to be correct, it may be expected that the reported measures will not be taken before that date.

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